ANTONY JANSEN VAN SALÉ and his part in the Surrender of New Netherland

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The citizens of New Amsterdam assembled in City Hall, including city government officials, commanders of the militia, and members of the clergy, and, of the total in attendance, 93 people signed a complaint or Remonstrance addressed to the Director-General. It has been said that Antony and his wife Grietje were two of the signers, but this appears to not be accurate as neither of their names are to be found appended to that document. After receiving this and the lack of support of the military became evident, the Director-General acquiesced and both parties chose commissioners who met on 6 September 1664 at Stuyvesant's residence to negotiate a capitulation; on 8 September the surrender document bearing the title *Articles, Whereupon the Citty and Fort Amsterdam and the Province of the New Netherlands Were Surrendered* was signed and the fort was turned over to Nicolls. The text of the citizen's *Remonstrance* follows to which the 93 signers are named.

Right Honorable! We, your sorrowful subjects, beg to represent, in these sad circumstances, that having maturely weighed what was necessary to be done, we cannot foresee, for this fort and city of Manhattans, in further resistance, aught else than misery, sorrow, and conflagration; the dishonor of women, the murder of children, and in a word the absolute ruin of fifteen hundred innocent souls, only two hundred and fifty of whom are capable of bearing arms.

You are aware that four of the English king's frigates are now in he roadstead, with six hundred soldiers on board. They have also commissions to all the governors of New England, a populous and thickly inhabited country, to impress troops, in addition to the forces already on board, for the purpose of reducing New Netherland to his Majesty's obedience.

These threats we would not have regarded, could we expect the smallest aid. But, God help us, where shall we turn for assistance, to the north or to the south, to the east or to the west? 'Tis all in vain. On all sides we are encompassed and hemmed in by our enemies. If, on the other hand, we examine our internal strength, alas! It is so feeble and impotent that unless we ascribe the circumstance to the mercy of God, we cannot sufficiently express out astonishment that the foe should have granted us so long a reprieve. He could have delivered us a prey to the soldiery after one summons.

We shall now examine your Honors fortress. You know that it is incapable of making head three days, against so powerful an enemy. Even could it hold out one, two, three, four, five or six months, which to our sorrow it cannot do, it is still undeniable that it cannot save the smallest portion of our entire city, our property and what is dearer to us, our wives and children, from total ruin. And after considerable bloodshed the fort itself could not be preserved.

Wherefore, to prevent the aforesaid misfortunes, we humbly, and in bitterness of heart, implore your Honors not to reject the conditions of so generous a foe, but to be pleased to meet him in the speediest, best and most reputable manner. Otherwise, which God forbid, we are obliged to protest before God and the world; and to call down upon your Honors the vengeance of Heaven for all the innocent blood which shall be shed in consequence of your Honors' obstinacy; inasmuch as the commissioners have this day informed us that the English general has stated that he shall not wait any longer than this day.

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We trust your Honors will not question that to God, who seeks not the death of the sinner, belongs obedience rather than to man. We feel certain that your Honors will exhibit yourselves, in this pressing exigency and sorrowful season, as men and Christians and conclude with God's help, an honorable and reasonable capitulation.

May the Lord our God be pleased to grant this to us, Amen

1. Paulus Leenderzen Van der Grift
2. Cornelis Steenwyck
3. Jacob Bakker
4. Isaac Grevenraat [Note: *brother of Metje Andries Grevenraat, Anthony's 2nd wife*]
5. Timotheus Gabrie
6. Nicolaus de Meyer
7. Pieter Tonneman
8. Balthazar Stuyvesant
9. Hendrik Kip [Note: *senior* or *junior* not given]
10. Abram Wilmerdoncx
11. Martin Krygier de Jonge [the younger]
12. Stephanus van Cortlandt
13. Cornelius Janszen Pluviers
14. Hendrik Bosch
15. Hendrik Jansz. van der Vin
16. Jeronimus Ebbingh or Ebbinck
17. Isaac de Foreest
18. Arent Jansz. Moesman
19. Symon Jansz. Romeyn
20. Willem Raasenburgh
21. Tomas Davits [Note: *perhaps Thomas Davidszen*]
22. Reymout Reymoutszen
23. Balthazar de Haert
24. Evert Duyckingh
25. Bocle Roeloffs,
26. Nicholas Varleth
27. Johannes Pieterszenvan Brugge
28. Allard Anthony
29. Jacob Kip

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30. De Hr. Jacques Cousseau
31. Hendrik Obe (aka Tamboer, Tambour)
32. Tomas Hal
33. Jochim Beekman
34. Juriaen Blanck
35. Jan Jansz. Preste [Note: perhaps *Jan Janse Van Breesteede*]
36. Johannes de Peyster
37. Oloff Stevensen van Cortlandt
38. Lodewyck Pos
39. Govert Loockermans
40. Conraet Ten Eyck
41. Cornelis Janssen Clopperborgh
42. Anthony de Mill
43. Hendrik van de Water
44. Gerrit Janssen
45. Jan Hendricksz van Gunst?
46. Hendrik Hendricksz [Note: possibly va*n Doesburg*; could also be *Kip,* see #9]
47. Dionys Isaacqs
48. Jan Brouwer
49. Arent Isaacqs
50. Jacob Teunissen Quick
51. Allard Konninck
52. Andries Rees
53. Jan Vinge
54. Pieter Stoutenbergh van Oldenbarnevelt
55. Hendrik van Dyck
56. Nicolaus de la Plaine
57. Cornelis Gerloffszen
58. Warnaer Wissells
59. Hermen Wissells
60. Alexander Hulter
61. Tomas Lamberts
62. Frerick Arents
63. Abram Klock

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64. *Isaacq Bedloo*
65. *Pieter Winster*
66. *Jan Gerritsen van Buytenhuysen*
67. *Jonas Bartels*
68. *Meyndert Barents*
69. *Luycas Dircks Vanderburgh*
70. *Cornelis Janssen Visser* (NOT Cornelis Jansz Clopper)
71. *Tousein Bryel*
72. *Jan Cornelis van Hoorn*
73. *Jacob Leyseler*
74. *Claes Janss. Bakker*
75. *Guilliam D'Honeur*
76. *Isaacq Coustrier*
77. *Isaacq Kip*
78. *Fredrick Guysbertse*
79. *Barent Kowrs*
80. *Jan Dircks Meyer*
81. *Jacob Leunens*
82. *Jacob van Couwenhoven*
83. *Jacob Hugens* or *Huyck*
84. *Lambert Huyberts Mol*
85. *Jan Janszen Manshaer van St. Obyn*
86. *Egbert Meynderts*
87. *Paulus Richard*
88. *Daniel ver Veele*
89. *Johannes Nevius*
90. *Hans Kierstede*
91. *Ambrosius de Weerhem*
92. *Abram Verplanck*
93. *Abel Hardenbroeck*

Among the 93 men who signed were 2 *burgomasters*, 4 *schepens*, and 1 *sheriff*.

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